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3. Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 2003-233671A, dated August 22, 2003;
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Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference. The relevance of above-identified reference nos. 1-3 has been described in the specification.

Reference nos. 4 and 5 were cited in a Search Report dated August 23, 2005 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of above-identified reference nos. 4 and 5 has been described in the Search Report.

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